



We work with others to protect the health of the people of Washington State by ensuring safe and reliable drinking water.



CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Office of Drinking Water

Capacity Development Strategy Project Manager



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What is a Capacity Development Strategy?

A capacity development strategy documents the approach taken by ODW to ensure that:

1. Every new and existing public water system...
2. Acquires and maintains technical, managerial, and financial (TMF) capacity...
3. To deliver safe, reliable drinking water...
4. And satisfying the aspirations of its community...
5. Now and into the foreseeable future.

Why is This Important?

- Capacity development is everything we do
- The strategy aligns statewide goals with our authority, funding, and timelines
 - Describes how we try to help every system
 - Keeps ODW accountable to the public
 - Links our work responsibilities and financial requirements

Six Federal Requirements

Consider, solicit public comment on, and include:

1. Methods to identify systems needing improvement.
2. Factors that impair or improve capacity development.
3. Assistance to public water systems, encouraging partnerships, and training and certification of operators.
4. Establishing a baseline to measure improvements
5. Identify stakeholders.
6. Asset management encouragement and implementation assistance.

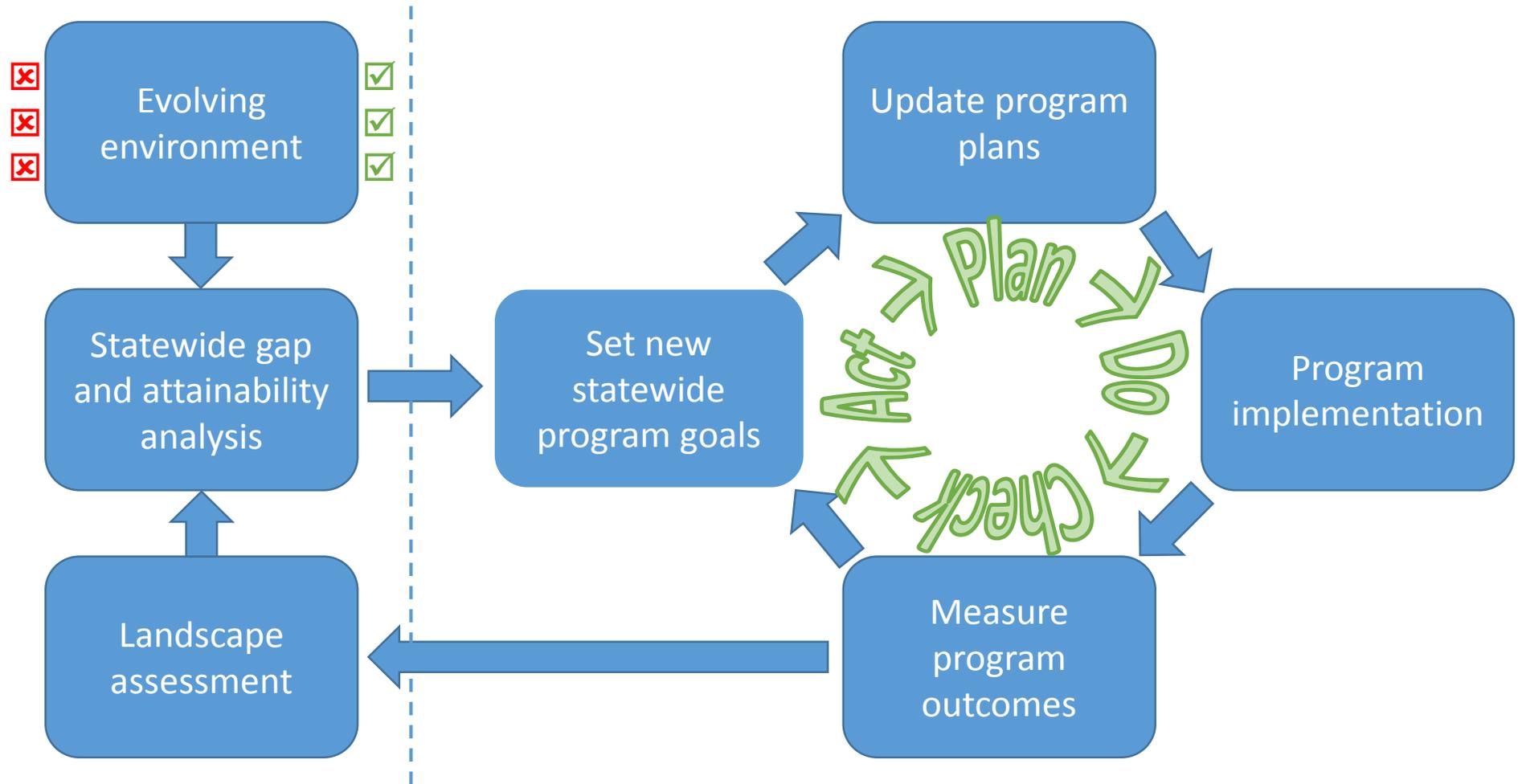
Highlights of Washington's Strategy

- Ever-changing environment
- Policy and implementation partnership
- Program planning
- Capacity development activities
- Performance measures

Ever-Changing Environment

- Emerging contaminants
- Workforce transition
- Aging infrastructure
- Affordability
- Recalcitrant purveyors
- Asset management
- Local partnerships
- Program planning
- Consumer engagement
- Equity, diversity, and inclusion

Policy and Implementation Partnership





Program Planning

- 💧 Each program has one or more **goals**.
- 💧 Each goal has a **timeline**.
- 💧 Each program is provided **resources**.
- 💧 The program uses the resources to apply a variety of **capacity development activities**.



ODW Capacity Development Activities

Passive	Self-help and Peer Networks
Collaborative	Policy Development, Facilitation, Specialized Expertise, and Data Management
Technical Assistance	Group, Standardized, Coordinated, and Individualized
Financial Assistance	Loans, Grants, and Subsidies
Regulatory	Compliance Assurance and Enforcement

Performance Measures

- 💧 Each program **measures** progress toward its goal(s)
- 💧 Together these measures form the statewide drinking water **landscape**
- 💧 From this, we can **assess** what program areas need more focused effort
- 💧 This is how ODW achieves **accountability**

Strategy Adoption Timeline

- Initial draft available late summer, early fall
- Comment period early to mid-fall
- Final draft by the end of the year
- Adoption early next year



A landscape of rolling green hills with several wind turbines scattered across the ridges under a cloudy sky. The hills are covered in vibrant green grass, and the wind turbines are white with three blades each. The sky is filled with soft, grey clouds, and the overall scene is a mix of natural beauty and modern technology.

Questions?

